

FSS QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Q 9 – Q 19 (Revised 7-14-09)

9. L.18(d)(4) specifies that completed Past Performance Questionnaires (Attachment L-5) are to be returned by clients to DOE no later than 5 weeks after issuance of the solicitation (i.e, July 9, 2009). However, the 3rd paragraph in Attachment L-5 Past Performance Letter instructs the client to return the completed PPQ to DOE by the proposal receipt date (i.e., August 4, 2009). Would DOE please clarify which instruction is correct and make the appropriate changes to Section L?

Response: The Past Performance Questionnaire is due on or before the proposal receipt date, August 4, 2009. The RFP will be amended.

10. Attachment L-3 (Past Performance Reference Information Form), at the bottom of the page, requires offerors to include points of contact information for principal regulators that were responsible for oversight or compliance. To our knowledge, there are no "regulators" who oversee or ensure compliance for the vast majority of activities included in the FSS PWS (grounds maintenance, roadway maintenance, janitorial services, IT, training, facility maintenance, mail services, document control, fleet management, property management, shipping/receiving, etc.). Therefore, would DOE please consider deleting this requirement from Attachment L-3, or allow offerors to delete it from Past Performance projects that had no regulators involved?

Response: The paragraph is included, if applicable, for those contracts that may have included regulator involvement. No amendment to the RFP is necessary.

11. By the way, I represent several companies on a team that wish to convey their frustration with the now-routine EMCBC requirement that PPQs must be delivered by clients to the DOE several weeks before the proposal submittal deadline. Perhaps you do not realize how much time offerors spend strategizing on which projects to include, drafting and revising Past Performance Reference Information Forms, vetting the information, tracking down and ensuring willingness of clients to provide references, etc. We have to send PPQs to clients at least 1 week (and often 2 weeks) before the required response date to ensure that they receive, understand, and actually execute the PPQ process. Our selection of projects often changes during the proposal preparation process -- in fact, the selection of team companies can also change during this process.

All of this takes time, as does preparation of the rest of the proposal. I strongly urge EMCBC to reconsider their requirement that PPQs be submitted to DOE well in advance of the proposal submission date, and make ALL proposal submittals due on the same date. As currently scheduled, this requirement places a difficult and

unnecessary hardship on offerors. I also urge EMCBC to evaluate more efficient methods for reviewing and scoring client references (in PPQs) within the timeframe available during the regular proposal evaluation period (from proposal submittal date until award announcement). Surely you can accomplish this without cutting into offerors' limited proposal preparation time.

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12. Is there a plant emergency medical response capability?

Response: Yes.

13. Is there an emergency "treating" facility at the plant?

Response: Yes.

14. Annually, how many requests for Q and L investigations are processed?

Response: The actual numbers at Portsmouth for the 12 month period beginning June 1, 2008 was 108 "L" and 62 "Q" based on the scope under the current Infrastructure contract. This information will be included in Section L, Attachment L-10, Costing Assumptions.

15. How many security personnel are required to have Q clearances?

Response: The requirements are in DOE M 470.4-5. The offeror is to propose based on its technical approach consistent with the PWS.

16. Are any of the physical or personnel security personnel unionized?

Response: No. The scope in Section C.2.6, Security, of the RFP does not require unionized personnel.

17. Is guard/protective force service part of this contract under the security requirements?

Response: No.

18. How many personnel are currently assigned to the Communications and Information Technology function?

Response: There are 10 people for the Communication and Information Technology department based on the scope under the current Infrastructure contract. The offeror is to propose based on its technical approach consistent with the PWS.

19. How many personnel are currently assigned to the Cyber Security function?

Response: There are 3 people currently assigned to the Cyber Security function based on the scope under the current Infrastructure contract. The offeror is to propose based on its technical approach consistent with the PWS.